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# SUNNY SQUIBBLETS

## COMMISSIONER DEMPSEY

The State Board of Education have made an exceedingly good selection in their choice of a commissioner of education in Clarence H. Dempsey, and that the position came to him without any solicitation must be exceedingly gratifying. It is also very pleasing to his many St. Johnsbury friends who have not forgotten the splendid work he did in our public schools a dozen years ago and the deep regret that was expressed at his departure. Since leaving St. Johnsbury he has been repeatedly advanced in Massachusetts cities and has kept in close touch with all the educational movements. In the meantime he has not forgotten conditions in Vermont and will come to his work with high ideals of progress combined with a practical knowledge of the needs of Vermont schools.

# Camp Westmore Promoter Is Guilty

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 success of the project. Declaring that he owned 300 shares of General Motors Corporation stock, that he lived in a \$40,000 home in New Haven, and that he possessed \$20,000 worth of Liberty Bonds, he readily gained the assent of the National Bank officials and a loan of \$60,000 was advanced him. As a matter of fact he did not own any General Motors stock

# MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL



nor a \$40,000 home nor even a Liberty bond.

Bailey, described himself as 58 years old, born near Calais, Me., and said he had a wife and two children. The New York city police discovered that the address he gave as his residence on Forty-second street at the time of his arrest was fictitious.

The arrest of Bancroft, whose right name is said to be Bailey, was the result of a country-wide search by Boston detectives and was made by Superintendent Edwin C. Brown of the James R. Wood Detective Agency of Boston, assisted by Jersey city detectives.

Five New England states are said to have been victims of stock investments of this promoter who first operated under the name of Wilfred A. Bailey. He changed his name to Russell G. Bancroft after he had served a term of imprisonment in the Worcester county jail for forgery and an additional time for perjury. This was in 1908 and he was charged at this time with forgery to the amount of \$5,000. In his early life he was a substantial citizen of Worcester and one of the original stockholders in the "Shredded Wheat" and made a small fortune when that company removed to Niagara Falls and enlarged its capital. In Worcester he was prominent in fraternal, church and social circles. While imprisoned in Worcester he continued his stock brokerage and a jail scandal and a legislative inquiry followed. His operations in Worcester included the exploitation of a street railway, a hotel, a Maine pulp mill.

Bailey apparently played no favorites. College professors, stock brokers, judges, lawyers, widows, and even relatives are said to have been swayed by his arguments and it is estimated that he "cleaned up a round million" after he left jail in Worcester and set out to "live down the past." The specific complaint against him when he was taken into custody was that he procured \$5,000 from the Newport National bank by false pretenses.

When State's Attorney Thompson was investigating his alleged criminal actions Bailey was corresponding with the prosecutor and trying to persuade him to become his lawyer in other matters.

The financial losses of investors and Barton and Newport storekeepers in the Camp Westmore proposition are fresh in the minds of the readers of this paper. The property was financed by Bailey and went into bankruptcy for about \$60,000. The promoter in the meantime had skipped to a small hamlet in New Jersey.

At one time in his palmy days Bailey lived on the west road between New York and Boston, owned two automobiles, had a Japanese chauffeur who operated a California licensed automobile. Later he got a lot of money from the Dartmouth College faculty in a wonderful telephone device. He made a quick get-away from Hanover with a negro chauffeur, leaving the latter in New York stranded.

# Mr. Walker Visits Town After 33 Years Absence

Edward A. Walker of Pasadena, Cal., is visiting in St. Johnsbury for a few days, having just come East for the winter which he will spend with his nephew, Wilbur Walker, in Richmond. Mr. Walker left here 33 years ago to make his home in the southern California city and this is his first visit to his old Vermont home in these years where he has been most cordially greeted by his old friends.

Mr. Walker had an interesting experience eastbound a conducting a straw vote for President which had been arranged by another resident of Pasadena. This particular Santa Fe limited train showed an overwhelming sentiment for the republican candidate and 10 states were represented in the poll. The result was as follows: Harding, 190; C. O. C. 42; Debs, 1; Watkins, 1.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 We wish to express our grateful appreciation for the sympathy and kindness shown us at the time of our recent bereavement. We also thank all friends who sent flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kirk.  
 Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Kirk.

**NOTICE**  
 I hereby notify all parties that after this date I will pay no more bills contracted by my wife, Etta Ranney. CLYDE RANNEY.  
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# READ THE WANT ADS

# Methodist Brotherhood Hold October Meeting

The October meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood was held at the church on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Prayer was offered by the Rev. George A. Martin and the record of the Sept. meeting read by the Secretary, Roy N. Howard. Five new members were received, viz., H. W. Ford, C. C. Hitchcock, Fred Haskinson, W. J. Oliver and E. A. Pierce. The president, Guy W. Hill, presided and he appointed Ernest P. Brown, Henry T. Donahue, Dr. B. E. Doyle, Elmer E. Roy, George E. Towle and Henry E. Wilson a committee to have charge of the next meeting, at which an auction at which the public will be admitted will be held, and the proceeds of the auction will be used to pay the Brotherhood pledge on the building fund. All members will be expected to give some thing to sell at the auction, if they cannot give money.

The fun of the evening was furnished by Rev. W. Quinton Genge, of Bangor, Me., who presented "The Habitant," which was much enjoyed.

# "Can't Cut Off My Leg" Says Railroad Engineer

"I am a railroad engineer; about 20 years ago my leg was seriously injured in an accident out West. Upon my refusing to allow the doctor to amputate it I was told it would be impossible to heal the wound. I have tried all kinds of salves and had many doctors in the past 20 years, but to no avail. Finally I resolved to use PETERSON'S OINTMENT on my leg. You cannot imagine my astonishment when I found it was doing what over 100 things had failed to do. My leg is now completely cured."—Gus Hautt, 709 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. Great for piles, eczema, old sores and all skin diseases. 60 cents. Mail orders filled. Peterson Ointment Co., Inc., Buffalo, N. Y.

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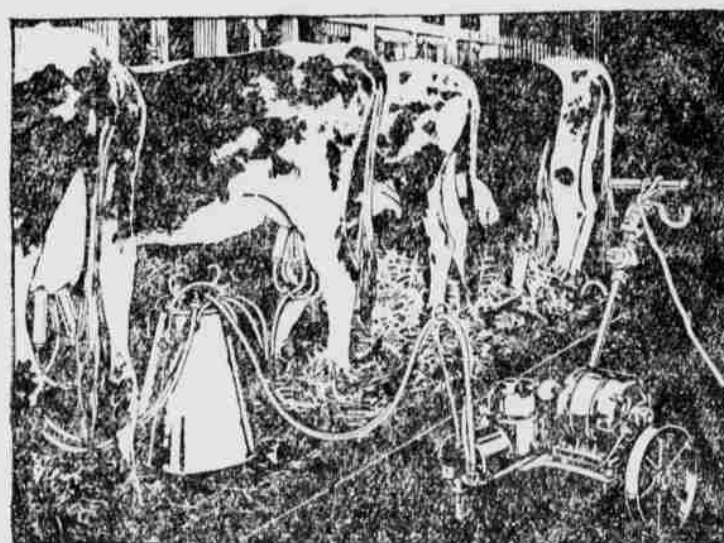
Men's, Boys' and Youth's dress and work Shoes, Rubbers of every size and style.

On account of the persistent demands of a multitude of our former customers we have decided to sell shoes, and at the present time have a representative line at 74 Railroad Street.

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St. Johnsbury, Vermont

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**Sewing Machines at a Discount of 35 per cent**

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